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IN SOCIAL CIRCLES

The ladies of the Episcopal church arranged a delightfully pleasant evening reception on Friday at the home of Mr. and Mrs. G. S. Parker to their new pastor and sister, Rev. Daup and Mrs. Corey. Cordial invitations were given to the public to attend this social function. The citizenship of Bryan delights to welcome such a distinguished man and his family into their midst. The lower floor of this elegant home was thrown into one spacious reception hall, where the many guests were formally presented to the honorees of the hour. The handsome decorations were most attractive and numerous autumn flowers contributed to the floral beauty. The reception hall, parlor and library were very handsome in golden rod. The mantels of each of these rooms were outlined with running ferns and banked with these gorgeous blossoms. In the dining room the guests were served an elaborate salad course with hot chocolate. The dining table was laid with a Brazilian point center piece with a cut glass vase holding the beautiful rose of Montana vine with pink blossoms. In the center, candlesticks holding shaded tapers gave a pretty touch to the table decorations. The side board and mantel were arranged with the same flowers. Standing in the receiving line were Mr. G. S. Parker, Mrs. Tyler Haswell, president of the guild, Rev. Daup, Mrs. Corey, Mrs. T. K. Lawrence, vice president of the guild, Rev. and Mrs. T. H. Morris, Rev. and Mrs. Weaver and Father Gleissner. Mrs. Parker assisted by members of the guild mingled with the guests seeing that all had a good time. Rev. Morris made the address of welcome to the new rector, he responding with a few appropriate words. Other interesting talks were made. Misses Hettie Smith, Marie Adams and Mr. Sims, who are noted for their beautiful voices, very generously rendered several vocal selections which added to the pleasure of the guests as was shown by the interested attention. The affair was pleasant and delightful to everyone, and at a late hour the guests thanked Mr. and Mrs. Parker for the pleasure they had enjoyed.

A summons to a birthday party brought twenty eager, bright faced boys to the attractive Howell home, on Friday afternoon in celebration of Jack Howell's seventh birthday, when his grandparents, Dr. and Mrs. J. W. Howell, entertained in his honor. The girl relatives of the family were also guests of the honoree. All little faces were flushed with expectation of enjoyment which childish invitation told them was in store. At the door each arrival was met with a smile from the manly little host and quickly were they initiated into the pleasures lavishly prepared. On the beautiful lawn all the games which magically bring the glow of happiness into a child's face were indulged in and when the guests grew fatigued with play they were invited into the dining room which was beautifully embellished for the occasion. The table decorations were in red and white. The big white birthday cake held the center of attraction and proudly bore its seven candles. From underneath the cake white ribbons extended, and when these were pulled each guest received a pretty souvenir. An elaborate salad course with hot chocolate was served.

Quite a charming hour was spent on Thursday afternoon when Mrs. A. M. Waldrop entertained her lady friends of the neighborhood residing on Lamar street. The honoree of the occasion was Mrs. Nannie Harrison Bell, at one time a teacher of Mrs. Waldrop's. This gathering was especially pleasant and of more than usual interest from the fact it was the first social affair given by the hostess since her removal into her elegant new home. The sweetest roses were vased here and there, and everywhere was seen the artistic hand of Mrs. Waldrop, especially in the arrangement of the handsome pot plants. The hostess gave greetings cordial and sincere. The genial hospitality of this home was evidenced on this occasion by the general good cheer that prevailed during the hours devoted to the exchange of pleasantries and the special feature of enjoyment during the afternoon was the charming readings by the honoree. A daintily served course of refreshments was enjoyed.

A charming social event of the week was the pleasant party given by Mrs. George Tabor on Friday morning when she entertained the Week End club. A congenial company of about thirty ladies assembled to play forty-two with the characteristic interest which is engendered by the fascinating game. The score cards were quite unique each being in the shape of a black cat. The party was very pretty and an informal spirit prevailed. The guests were cordially welcomed and made to feel at home. A most elaborate decorative effect was accomplished, beautifully tinted and bright autumn leaves

were employed to convert the reception suit into an ideal environment for the guests. The refreshment plate was dainty and tempting and each guest was delighted to have enjoyed Mrs. Tabor's hospitality. At the conclusion of the party hours Mrs. Tabor resigned as president. The club will meet in called session during next week.

Mr. and Mrs. M. S. Edge entertained twelve couples of young people on Friday evening in honor of Mrs. Edge's sister, Miss Minnie White of Morgan. It was a most pleasant occasion, as the late departure of the guests testified. The handsome home, which always encompasses an atmosphere of hospitality, was more than usually attractive. The purpose of this enjoyable affair was to give the friends of the honoree a chance of spending one more pleasant evening with her, as well as an opportunity to bid her goodbye on the eve of her departure to her home. The spacious rooms made festive for the occasion were adorned with handsome plants of palms and ferns, with cut flowers making fragrant every corner of the rooms. Music and games were enjoyed. A delicious course of cream and cake was served. Mr. and Mrs. Edge are indeed excellent entertainers and their guests spent a delightful evening.

On Friday afternoon Mrs. H. G. Rhodes, president of the Embroidery club, called the members into her beautiful parlors for re-organization. Last year this club of popular matrons and girls enjoyed a most delightful term of pleasant meetings, consequently Mrs. Rhodes' invitation to re-organize was gladly responded to. After cordial greetings the meeting was called to order and Mrs. T. K. Lawrence was unanimously chosen president. Miss Elizabeth Wipprecht was asked to substitute the coming year in place of one of the members. The first meeting of the club will be with Mrs. Seth Mooring Tuesday week.

Miss Imogene Ferguson of Bloomington, Ill., is the guest of Mr. and Mrs. R. M. Wilson. She is a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Clay Ferguson formerly of this city, and will spend the winter with her aunt in Bryan.

The Week End club will meet with Mrs. C. S. Gainer Friday afternoon at the home of Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Johnson.

THE RAT KING.

His Method Was Successful, but It Remains a Secret.
In the early sixties of the last century the Smithsonian institution was infested with rats. Nothing in the building seemed to be rat proof. They ate skins cured with arsenical soap or table linen or the contents of Professor Henry's pantry without discrimination. Every one in the city, from Professor Henry to the bootblack, had one subject in common, and that was "rats."

As Professor Henry, who lived in the east end of the building, was listening to an account of the ruin wrought in his home during that day Professor Spencer Baird walked in and said, just as if he had been following every word of the family conversation, "I have just been told that there is a man in Philadelphia who can rid this place of rats."

Professor Henry's eyes expressed interest and incredulity at the same moment.
"I have his address here," went on the assistant secretary. "He calls himself the 'ratten konig' and won't take a cent if a rat remains and has—" "We'll send for him if it takes our last thousand cents to do it!" said Professor Henry and laughingly predicted the reputation of the famous old tale of the Pied Piper of Hamelin.

Several days later the "rat king" appeared in Washington. He was almost as short as he was broad and wore clothes too loose for description; they had no shape. He carried a large oilcloth sack and a covered basket. His penetrating blue eyes were almost covered by shaggy eyebrows, and his blond hair had not been cut, but haggled. His manner was short and brisk, and he went straight to the point, talking to Professor Henry in German.

He declared that not a rat would be in the building three days hence if his directions were obeyed. During that time he would stay in the basement alone; every door was to be locked, and on no account was he to be disturbed until he gave them the signal. So they left him in absolute darkness and carried out his directions.

On Sunday morning the queer old man emerged from the darkness so confident of his success that he refused to accept the money which was his due then and there, but insisted that Professor Henry mail the check to him in Philadelphia the following week.
"Now you can leave your food in the basement, and it won't be touched. And I won't take a cent if you are troubled with rats," were his parting words.
Cheese and cake were directly placed about the building to tempt the rats. Morning after morning they were found as they had been left, and from that day to this the Smithsonian institution has never been seriously troubled with rats. And no one has ever found out the secret of the "rat king's" method.—Youth's Companion.

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